(b) and (c) Issues relating to terrorism and cross-border crimes were discussed during the recent visit of the Nepalese Prime Minister to India from March 20—25, 2002. The two Governments agreed to intensify their ongoing cooperation for combating terrorism and cross-border crimes, and to continue working closely with each other.

Pakistani nationals arrested in Delhi for non-possession of passport and visa

†4428. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Pak-nationals arrested in the capital city of Delhi and other parts of the country during the last five months on account of not possessing valid passport and visa; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to check entry of such foreign citizens/ nationals into Indian specially from the Nepalese border adjacent to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) While no Pak national was arrested in the Capital city of Delhi, a total number of 21 Pak nationals were arrested in other parts of the Country during the last five months for not possessing valid passport and visa.

(b) To check the entry of such foreign citizens/nationals into India specially from the Nepalese border adjacent to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Government have adopted a well co-ordinated multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening of Border Management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, neutralizing plans of ISI by intelligence-based operations setting up of outposts of security forces and modernization and upgradation of Police and security forces with sophisticated weapons and communications system etc. Deployment of Special Service Bureau has also been undertaken along selected stretches of the Indo-Nepal Border. In addition, Home Secretary level talks between India and Nepal are held from time to time. Besides these, there is also a Joint Working Group with

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representative of both the countries which includes various issues including ISI activities for their resolution.

Idol thefts in the country

4429. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of idol thefts in the country;

(b) how many of them were recovered; and

(c) which State accounts for the maximum number of thefts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the data available with the National Crime Records Bureau, the total incidence of antique thefts in the country, the number of antiques stolen and recovered during 1997 to 2001 are as under :

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
1. Incidence of thefts	141	215	307	288	186
2. No. of antiques stolen	813	528	704	539	403
3. No. of antiques recovered	300	52	65	99	51

Separate figures of antique idols only are not available with the NCRB.

(c) The States which account for maximum number of thefts of antiques during 1997 to 2001 are listed below:

Sl. No.	Year	State with maximum incidents of thefts
1.	1977	West Bengal (27)
2.	1998	Uttar Pradesh (64)
3.	1999	Andhra Pradesh (58)
4.	2000	Madhya Pradesh (66)
5.	2001	Andhra Pradesh (41) & Uttar Pradesh (41)